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FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Lake Mohave (NV): Storm Odds Mon–Tue, ~638 ft Pool & Cottonwood Stripers

Cottonwood Cove · NV shore · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times PT

Mon–Tue thunderstorms likely (NWS VEF)

Highs ~89° Mon → ~89° Tue → ~95° Wed (NWS VEF)

Mohave ~638.39 ft MSL (Sat Sep 26 board)

Primary: striped bass · soft recreational pressure

Early October on Lake Mohave (NV) — cool dawn windows, quiet weather, and a Fri–Sun bite that rewards first light before weekend traffic builds.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS band pull (south / Mohave representative) — applied to Lake Mohave (NV) keeps a **quiet early-October pattern** for this Friday **Cast** window (Fri–Sun) at Lake Mohave (NV). **Friday** ~101°F / ~75°F, sunny, wind ENE 0 to 7 mph. **Saturday** ~101°F / ~77°F, sunny, wind E 1 to 8 mph. **Sunday** ~104°F / ~79°F, sunny, wind ENE 0 to 6 mph. Storm chances stay **near zero** across the window. Reader clocks below are **PT** (water-local).

For striped bass: lean **first light through mid-morning** on windward points, creek arms, and ramp-adjacent structure before afternoon warmth or breeze rearranges the bite. Weekend recreational pressure usually runs heavier than midweek — **no named B.A.S.S. / FLW / ABA trail event pulled** for this water on Oct 2–4.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~101°F

Low ~75° · ~0% storms · ENE 0 to 7 mph

Sunny — fish the cool dawn window first

Sunrise **6:55 AM** · Sunset **6:35 PM** PT

Best bite: first light–mid-morning on points and creek mouths

SATURDAY OCT 3

~101°F

Low ~77° · ~0% storms · E 1 to 8 mph

Sunny; use any breeze for windward presentations

Sunrise **6:56 AM** · Sunset **6:33 PM** PT

Best bite: dawn shallow; mid-day slide deeper if the sun climbs hard

SUNDAY OCT 4

~104°F

Low ~79° · ~0% storms · ENE 0 to 6 mph

Sunny — another clean fall day; expect more weekend traffic

Sunrise **6:57 AM** · Sunset **6:32 PM** PT

Best bite: first light again before the Sunday crowd piles on

WINDOW NOTE

Fri–Sun only

Next Cast cycle covers Mon onward

Monday trend: watch the local NWS grid for cool-down or wind shift

No storm train flagged for this corridor at pull

Clarity unconfirmed; protected arms often fish clearer after calm nights

● DAM / LEVEL CHEAT SHEET

Lake Mohave (NV shore) elevation from the Lower Colorado daily board mirrored at water-data.com (USBR LC source): **~638.39 ft MSL** as of **Sat Sep 26, 2026**, with content near **1.63 million acre-feet**. The pool drifted about **1.4 ft** lower over two weeks on that board. Sunday overnight numbers were not yet on the public mirror at this pull — confirm USBR / NPS before you trailer. This Cast is **NV shoreline only** (Cottonwood Cove hub); AZ shore belongs to the AZ peer product. Schedules **can change without notice**.

NODE	PULL SNAPSHOT	OPS SIGNAL	BITE CONTEXT
Lake Mohave pool USBR LC / water-data.com	Elev ~638.39 ft MSL Sat Sep 26 board	Slow late-Sep drift · ~1.63M AF <i>confirm USBR / NPS before launch</i>	Rock points and coves still fish — idle carefully; Cottonwood ramp is the gate
Cottonwood Cove launch NPS Lake Mead NRA	Public NV-shore hub for this pin	Confirm ramp open / fees on NPS pages	Dawn idle toward NV rock points and bait lines
Storm pulse Mon–Tue NWS VEF	Likely storms · gusty SSE → N shift	Lightning = get off the water	Fish cell edges; Sunday sunny is the reset

Honest thin board: Sat Sep 26 elev is solid; Sunday overnight board not yet on the public mirror. Confirm live USBR / NPS Cottonwood notes. AZ shore stays on the AZ peer Cast.

MAIN LAKE FRI–SUN

Mon–Tue storm lulls: protected NV coves near Cottonwood at first light

Sunday sunny heat: fish dawn hard, then follow schools deeper

~638 ft pool — watch ramp exposure and unmarked rock

SAFETY

Lightning Friday–Saturday is the hard stop

Sunday heat near 95°F — hydrate and watch wind

Stay on the NV shore for this Cast; respect NPS restricted zones

● HOW TO FISH IT

BANK

Cottonwood Cove public shoreline and legal park rock on the Nevada side are the weekday bank plays — dawn walk-and-cast along cove mouths while storm light softens the sky. Midday Sunday heat pushes you toward shaded rock you can still reach from shore. Skip private docks and the Arizona shore for this pin, give trailer traffic room at the Cottonwood apron, and watch slick rock after any spray. Soft weekday pressure still rewards first light over a busy midday walk.

KAYAK

Protected coves near Cottonwood suit a kayak better on Sunday's sunny morning than on a Friday thunder day. Launch from the public ramp, work rock edges for stripers and smallmouth at first light, and duck to shore when thunder starts. Wear a PFD; desert reservoirs punish open-water mistakes when cells build. Stay on the Nevada shore for this Cast, keep runs short enough to reverse, and give trailered boats the lane at the apron.

BOAT

Idle out of Cottonwood at first light, graph rock points and bait, and stay mobile. Friday–Saturday: fish cell edges and lee coves. Sunday: classic sunny Mohave — start shallow on bait, then follow schools deeper. Soft midweek recreational pressure; unmarked rock in the drawdown zone still matters. Arizona-shore launches are out of scope. A compact Cottonwood circuit — two points and a cove — beats a long main-stem roam that burns the cool window.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Pencil popper / walker — bone or chrome when birds work

Skip hard topwater in heavy rain — fish the lulls

Walking bait on calm Sunday cove edges

MID

Soft swimbait / spoon on striper schools

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on stained rock after storms

Lipless crank over flats when bait is mid-column

BOTTOM

Drop-shot / finesse on tough post-storm windows

Vertical spoon when stripers mark deep

Small tube / creature on rock for secondary smallmouth

● STRIPED BASS LIFE STAGE

Early October on Mohave's NV shore is a forage-chase striper week under a storm-then-sun pattern. Schools push bait on rock points at first light, then slide deeper as the sun climbs — especially on calm, warming Sunday near 95°F. Friday–Saturday storm light can keep a shallow window open longer. Secondary smallmouth share the same rock with slower presentations once stripers move off.

● NATURAL FORAGE

Most-likely menu: threadfin / shad schools, with sunfish and crawfish on rock. Hatch reports are thin. Match what you mark and what birds show you. After Friday–Saturday storms, expect slightly stained cove mouths and lean brighter profiles briefly.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Smallmouth — rock points and cove edges with tubes and small jigs. **Channel catfish** — cut bait on deeper ledges midday. Confirm NPS / Nevada regs. AZ-shore callouts belong to the AZ peer Cast.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4: no named major trail event pulled for Mohave NV shore this midweek window. Soft recreational at Cottonwood — storms thin Friday–Saturday; Sunday fair air brings a mild rebound. Boat counts are not posted — treat pressure as soft weekday recreational unless a named event is on the calendar.

Pressure note: fish early, give trailer traffic room at the public ramp, and stay civil around bank anglers. Soft midweek recreational is the default when no named event is on the board.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL · PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Closest Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free listings near Lake Mohave (NV) (stations only — verify grade at the pump; listings can change):

Circle K Bullhead City — 1080 Highway 95, Bullhead City, AZ (~24.7 mi) · ethanol-free CIRCLE K 89

Maverik — 1885 Hwy 95, Bullhead City, AZ (~26.3 mi) · ethanol-free MAVERIK 87

Texaco — 5480 S Highway 95, Fort Mohave, AZ (~34.6 mi) · ethanol-free TEXACO 91

Smiths — 835 E Lake Mead Pkwy, Henderson, Nv 89015, NV (~41.8 mi) · GPS Located from address.

No pump prices in this Cast. Confirm ethanol-free grade at the pump if that matters for your motor.

● LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday trends sunny and hotter near 98°F — a soft extension of Sunday if you can squeeze an encore. Next 1–3 weeks: watch NWS Las Vegas for the next storm pulse and keep pulling USBR Mohave elevation. Soft recreational midweek; weekend Cottonwood traffic will rebound.

Regs: NPS Lake Mead NRA rules + Nevada credentials on NV water. Reciprocal AZ rules only if you cross — this Cast stays Cottonwood / NV pin.

● ON THE WATER THIS WINDOW

Idle a known edge at a slow pace before the first cast and mark bait height on the graph. If bait is up in the top few feet at dawn, start with a faster search bait; if the cloud is down on the break, go mid-column or bottom first. Re-scan after lunch — the same edge often looks empty on the graph once the sun is overhead even when fish are still there in the shade of cover or rock.

Any storm chance midweek is the pattern breaker: if cells fire, fish the edges carefully and get off the water for lightning. A stained inlet the morning after rain can outproduce a clear main-lake flat for a day or two. Keep the live Nevada regs page bookmarked — slot and length rules do not care how long your drive was.

● ACCESS PULSE

Public ramps are the honest gate on this water — confirm hours, fees, and ramp condition before you trailer, especially after any overnight weather. Soft mud, unmarked rock, and drawdown shelves are the usual desert-reservoir tax. Give trailer traffic room at the apron, idle in no-wake zones, and leave private docks alone.

Carry a simple plan B: if the primary ramp is crowded or closed, have a second legal public access in mind and stick to a second legal public access rather than crossing posted land.

Midweek recreational pressure is usually light enough that the first legal ramp you planned is still the right call.

● SOURCES

NWS Las Vegas (VEF) point forecast (Sunday night PT pull) · USBR Lower Colorado daily elev (via water-data.com Sat Sep 26 board) · NPS Cottonwood Cove launch notes · NDOW / Nevada regs (live) · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free station listings · Trail calendars skimmed for named events (none confirmed for this window). Schedules change — confirm before launch.